

(11) passing through the data communication protection device (10); and

(iv) forwarding data of which the data protocol complies with the at least one standardized protocol from the data communication protection device (10) to the first communication station (11), and not forwarding data of which the data protocol does not comply with the at least one standardized protocol from the data communication protection device to the first communication station by physically interrupting the communication link between the first communication station (11) and the second communication station (12).--

Amend claim 4 as follows:

--4. (amended) Data communication protection device (10) arranged for protecting data communication traffic between a first communication station (1) and a second communication station (12), data being dispatched according to a data protocol from the second communication station to the first communication station, the data communication protection device comprising memory means (14) for storing data characteristics of at least one standardized protocol, the data communication protection device (10) further being arranged for comparing the data protocol of the data with the at least one standardized protocol, characterized in that the data communication protection device (10) further comprises

- a first link for linking the data communication protection device (10) to the first communication station (11), and a second link for linking the data communication protection device (10) to the second communication station (12), the data passing from the second communication station to the first communication station through the data communication protection device;

- comparison/forwarding means (15) for forwarding data received through the second link of which the data protocol complies with the at least one standardized protocol from the data communication protection device (10) through the first link, and not forwarding data of which the data protocol does not comply with the at least one standardized protocol from the data communication protection device (10) through the first link by physically interrupting the communication link between the first communication station (11) and the second communication station (12).--

REMARKS

The application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1-9 are pending with claims 1 and 4 being independent.

This amendment amends the originally-filed independent claims to more specifically recite one feature of the invention.